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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 293X), Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company – Abandonment Exemption in Norfolk and Virginia Beach,  
Virginia –  
Request for Extension of Consummation Date Deadline

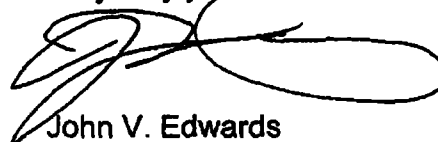
Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests that the Board grant NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate abandonment of the 15.34-mile rail line that was the subject of the captioned proceeding. The line extends between milepost VB 0.12 and milepost VB 15.46, in the Cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Virginia.

In its decision served November 6, 2008, the STB granted NSR's request for extension of time to consummate the abandonment to November 6, 2009.

Since the consummation date is near, NSR wishes to advise the Board that regulatory barriers to consummation still exist, and, therefore, NSR hereby requests that the Board grant a one-year extension of the date to consummate the abandonment.

Very truly yours,



John V. Edwards

Cc: Parties of Record